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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

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For: PLATING METHOD AND PLATING BATH PRECURSOR USED THEREFOR

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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

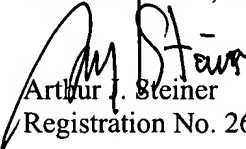
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The references were cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent application Serial No. 09/543,356, filed April 5, 2000, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR 1.98(d).

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